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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. VIKING: NEWS COVERAGE AND PLAUDITS FOR VIKING MISSION CONTINUED. IVA DELGADO, WRITING IN THE AUGUST 5 ISSUE OF "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS", TERMED VIKING "THE SYMBOL OF A FUTURE WHOSE COSMIC SCALE WE CAN'T IMAGINE", AND STATED, IN REFERENCE TO THAT FUTURE AND VIKING'S CONTRIBUTION TO IT, THAT MANKING STANDS BEFORE "WHAT COULD COME TO BE LABELED AS HUMANITY'S FIRST REVOLUTION". "A LUTA" OF AUGUST 4 COMPARED VIKING TO EARLIER SOVIET CRAFT, WHICH "HAD SMEARED THEMSELVES ON THE (MARS) SURFACE WITHOUT HAVING TRANSMITTED ANY DATA, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE SOVIETS CLAIMED AT THE TIME THAT THEY HAD ACCOMPLISHED THEIR OBJECTIVES". IN THE AUGUST 4 ISSUE OF "JORNAL NOVO" EURICO DA FONSECA CONTINUED HIS SERIES OF ARTICLES ON MARTIAN LIFE BASED ON USIS-SUPPLIED MATERIALS.

2. CCC RICE TO PORTUGAL: THE LAST SHIPMENT OF 56,000 TONS OF RICE FURNISHED TO PORTUGAL THROUGH COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION ARRANGEMENTS WAS NOTED BY AUGUST 5 ISSUE OF "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS", WHICH CONTINUED TO GIVE A FULL ACCOUNT OF AMERICAN FOOD ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL.

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3. HIROSHIMA ANNIVERSARY: ON THE OCCASION OF THE 31ST

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATOMIC BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA, THE AUGUST  
5 ISSUE OF "O SEculo" RAN A BRIEF, CONDENNATORY ARTICLE ON  
FRONT PAGE. LAST PARAGRAPH: "THE PROMISED ATOMIC AGE CONTINUES  
TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN A PROMISE. AND THE COST WAS TOO HIGH:  
THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DEAD IN HISOSHIMA AND NAGASAKI;  
THE LONG "COLD WAR" BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS; THE PRICE OF THE  
STRONG BECOMING STRONGER IN RELATION TO THOSE WHO CANNOT  
PREVAIL; AND THE STAIN OF A CRIME THAT NO ONE WILL EVER WILL  
BE CAPABLE OF JUSTIFYING"  
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